

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,
ATX, ATX II, and WILDERNESS TIRES
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL
ACTIONS

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) Master File No. IP OO-9373-C-B/S
) MDL No. 1373
) (centralized before Hon. Sarah Evans Barker,
) Chief Judge)
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ORDER REQUIRING NOTICE OF CERTAIN PENDING MOTIONS

Counsel for the parties in all individual **personal injury/wrongful death** actions are hereby ORDERED to file, on or before January 22, 2001, a notice identifying any motion filed in the action prior to transfer which still requires a ruling by this Court. The following guidelines apply to all notices:

1. Each notice shall reference a single case only; the notices are not to compile information for numerous cases, even if those cases are being handled by the same attorneys. The notice should list all pending motions in the particular cause.
2. Motions filed **after** transfer to this Court are not to be included.
3. Only motions that still require a ruling by this Court are to be included.
4. The information should be provided in simple, readily understandable outline form.
5. The notice must have the appropriate caption and this Court's cause number for the individual case.

6. The notice must advise the Court on the status of briefing on the motion.¹

7. Counsel for plaintiffs and defendants are encouraged to file this notice jointly when possible. In any event, the Court expects the defendants in each action to submit one notice jointly.

In addition, the Court requests that the parties in the personal injury/wrongful death cases identified in Conditional Transfer Order #3 issued by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation on December 20, 2000, comply with the above notice procedures. Liaison Counsel for the personal injury cases is ORDERED to effect service of this Order on plaintiffs' counsel in those cases, and lead counsels for defendants Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., Ford Motor Company, and Bridgestone Corporation are ORDERED to coordinate and effect service of this Order on any defense counsel in those cases other than those who have already appeared in this MDL (and thus will already be receiving a copy of this Order).

It is so ORDERED this _____ day of December, 2000.

SARAH EVANS BARKER, CHIEF JUDGE
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

¹ Counsel for defendants are advised that a "motion to dismiss" filed within a responsive pleading but not supported by a separate brief as required by S.D. Ind. L.R. 7.1 is not to be included as a pending motion. A motion to dismiss will not require responsive briefing and will not be considered by the Court until a defendant has complied with Local Rule 7.1.

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